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## STATUS OF ANGLO-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS ON SUEZ BASE

### BACKGROUND

I No indication of early Anglo-Egyptian agreement on Suez base.

Issues of future availability of base and use of uniforms by British technicians continued as obstacles to settlement. Despite general agreement on other issues discussed during three-month (August-October) negotiation, no definite agreement has been reached except on seven-year duration for proposed treaty. Some of these questions may yet prove serious blocks to settlement.

II Two difficult issues, status of troops and financial arrangements, have not yet been considered and may additionally complicate negotiations.

III Informal talks suspended on 21 October are again in abeyance following three meetings held in late December. Egyptians are currently studying details of British proposals.

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